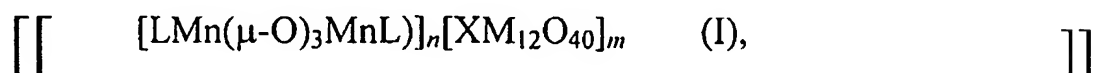


### Amendment To The Specification

Please replace the paragraph on page 1, line 21, to page 2, line 2, with the following amended paragraph:

According to the invention, this problem has been solved by the manganese(IV) heteropolymolybdates and -tungstates of the formula



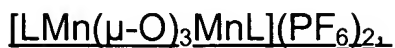
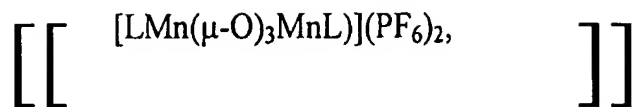
wherein L is 1, 4, 7-trimethyl-1, 4,7-triazacyclononane, X is P or Si, M is Mo or W,  $n$  is 2 or 3, and  $m$  is 1 or 2, with the provisos that

(i) if X is Si, then  $n = 2$  and  $m = 1$  and

(ii) if X is P, then  $n = 3$  and  $m = 2$ .

Please replace the paragraph on page 2, lines 14 to 28, with the following amended paragraph:

The manganese (IV) complex salts of the invention may be easily prepared by reacting a solution of the above mentioned hexafluorophosphate of formula



wherein L is  $[[L \text{ is}]]$  1,4,7-trimethyl-1,4,7-triazacyclononane, with a heteropolyacid of formula



wherein X and M are as defined above,  $o = 4$  for  $X = Si$  and  $o = 3$  for  $X = P$ , and subsequently isolating the precipitated manganese(IV) heteropolyacid complex salt. The preparation is preferably carried out using acetonitrile as solvent for the hexafluorophosphate and water or a lower alcohol, in particular methanol or ethanol, or an aqueous lower alcohol as solvent for the heteropolyacid.